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2. On 27 September, an estimated 1,200 KVPs were quartered in the billets on Klietzer See (lake). On 28 September, 800 to 1,000 men were sent to the Ferchels-Mahlitz training grounds for participation in exercises. After they had left, about 300 men were still observed in the installation. One KVP said that the men dispatched to Ferchels-Mahlitz were scheduled to stay there until about 10 or 15 October 1954. 2
3. After 10 October, an estimated 500 men were quartered in the billets. On 9, 12, 15 and 19 October, about 100 men were observed at physical training and doing fatigue details in the area of the installation. No engineer practices were held during this period. After 23 October, the number of men quartered in the billets again increased to about 1,200 KVPs. On 23, 26 and 29 October and 4 and 6 November, 180 to 200 men were observed at drill with and without rifles and being fatigue details. On 26 October, 150 men were trained for mine-laying in the wooded area near the billets. They laid AT mines and rod mines some of which were interconnected with trip wires. 2
4. On 29 October, about 30 KVPs had a farewell party in a Klietz restaurant. They were discharged on 30 October.
5. On 29 October, a hutment of a kitchen-and-mess building, a supply storage shed, 4 large low barracks buildings and an unidentified number of garages and motor-vehicle storage sheds was observed in the area of the Ferchels-Mahlitz training grounds about 1,000 meters north of the field airdrome. Except for the kitchen-and-mess building which was a brick structure, all buildings were made of wood. 3
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7. On several drives across the Ferchels-Mahlitz training grounds on 26 October, it was determined that all troops had apparently left this area. 2
8. A large shed and about 20 tents were observed on the eastern bank of Klietzer See (lake), 500 meters south of the KVP billets. On 4 October, no activity was observed at the site. 4
9. On 7 October, the units stationed at the Eggersdorf installation lined up for review. They included a guard unit of 680 men who wore black-bordered red collar patches, a motor transport unit of 315 men who wore red-bordered black collar patches, and an administrative group of 30 men who wore green collar patches. Some men of the guard unit were on guard service. The guard unit was commanded by Major Seifert (fnu). One Major Jakob (fnu) and one Major Krause (fnu) were also known to be in the installation. From 7 to 20 October 1954, about 100 men were observed daily at basic and field training. 5, 6
10. On 20 October, 30 men who came from another unit arrived at the installation. Eighty men were scheduled to be discharged because they had completed their term of active service. Because only 40 men re-enlisted, only 40 men were discharged on 20 October. 6
11. On 22 October, 2 officers and 65 men were reassigned to a unit which was stationed at Prenzlau. On the same date, 50 new ZIS tank trucks, each of which had a capacity of 3,500 liters, arrived at the installation where they were parked with empty tanks. On 27 October, 6 x 1.5-ton trucks, each of which had a passenger capacity of 6 to 8 men, arrived with 4 AT guns of about 37-mm. 6, 7

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
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